

Royal Family Home Again Roar Of Welcome As "Vanguard" Steams Into Portsmouth Harbour Bronzed By South African Sun

London, May 11.
Hundreds of thousands of happy, cheering subjects gave the Royal Family a warm welcome home today as they steamed into Portsmouth Harbour in the battleship Vanguard at the end of their 14 weeks' triumphant tour of South Africa.

The sirens of ships, the salute of guns, and the cheers of thousands mingled in a "welcome home" ovation as the mighty 42,500-ton Vanguard moved to her anchorage.

Bronzed by the South African sun, the Royal Family waved their greetings.

The Duke of Gloucester, who was aboard the Trinity House yacht Patricia as she escorted the battleship up the harbour, was the first to board Vanguard after a gangway was aboard.

He gave his King and brother a warm welcome and kissed the Queen and the two Princesses.

The weather had made it a Royal ending to the Royal tour. The sun shone brilliantly out of a blue sky as the battleship appeared out of the smooth waters of the Channel with two escorting cruisers.

Craft of every description—yachts, speedboats, motor launches, tugs and paddle steamers filled the harbour area to meet her. They were all full dressed.

As Vanguard drew close, one section of the crowd in the dockyard broke through, and a naval officer, with a sword which he had drawn for the salute, motioned them back.

The Royal Marine band played South African tunes as the battleship docked on schedule at 6.50 p.m. (British Summer Time). The Royal Family will remain aboard the battleship to-night. They will leave Vanguard tomorrow morning at 10 and proceed to the Guildhall at Portsmouth, where they will be received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Afterwards, they will take a train for Waterloo Station, London, where they are to arrive at 12.30 p.m.

Roar Of Welcome
As Britain's biggest battleship passed through the naval anchorage at Spithead the Royal Family stood on a special platform high up on the forward gun turret.

The King, who was plainly visible to the enormous crowd, saluted repeatedly, while the Queen and the Princesses waved their hands in response to the thousands of people on shore and in boats in the harbour waving handkerchiefs and flags.

The roar of welcome could be heard for a great distance in the beautiful calm spring evening as Vanguard, with the escorting cruisers, Cleopatra and Dindane, approached Portsmouth.

Outside the harbour the yacht Patricia, carrying the King's brother, the Duke of Gloucester, met Vanguard and, taking over from the escorting cruisers, led her into the harbour.

The Patricia is the vessel of the Trinity House organisation responsible for navigational safety in British waters, and she carried the "Elder Brethren" of Trinity House whose privilege it is to escort the King of England in pilotage waters.

The Queen, wearing mauve, Princess Elizabeth, in a grey costume, and Princess Margaret in fawn, were seen to be taking turns with a pair of binoculars to scan the welcoming crowds and the lines of small naval ships with crews standing smartly to attention through which Vanguard passed as she moved to the entrance to the harbour.

All ships in harbour were gay with flags, and just as Vanguard manoeuvred in, the thunder of

guns firing the Royal Salute drowned the cheers of the crowd.

First Contact
The King, wearing naval uniform and bronzed by the South African sun, came down to the deck as the gangway was run up and the Duke of Gloucester and Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief of the port, went on board to welcome the Royal Family.

The Duke of Gloucester shook the King warmly by the hand, kissed the Queen on both cheeks, and affectionately embraced the two Princesses.

After a few minutes' animated talk the Royal Family, with the two Princesses wearing scarves over their heads, posed for photographs against the ship's rail and then went below.

The waves of cheering died off as members of Vanguard's crew started to come ashore to greet their families, who were the only members of the public allowed on to the dock where the battleship tied up.

The first contact with Vanguard as she steamed up Channel this afternoon was made by a giant flying boat—an RAF Sunderland—which flew out to meet the battleship, and her cruiser escort before they came within sight of the English coast.

Aboard the Sunderland was a commentator of the BBC, who recorded his first sight of Vanguard and sent a message from the people of Britain to "all on board the Vanguard; Welcome Home."

Leave For Crew
As Vanguard steamed in between lines of motor torpedo boats and other craft the sirens made a medley of welcome. On the quarter deck could be seen a detachment of Royal Marines and the ship's band. The Royal Standard was almost rigid in the breeze.

The battleship had to pass right into the harbour, and in doing so she almost dwarfed the entrance. She was turned round with the assistance of tugs.

On the jetty a bugle sounded "Still!" and in response came a similar call from Vanguard. The "Still!" is a traditional mark of respect to the Commander-in-Chief of the port, and all the ships' personnel ashore and afloat stood to attention.

Soon after came the "Carry On!" call and the ship's company on Vanguard closed ranks and at the double got ready for the mooring.

The Royal Family watched the mooring operations from the deck.

Two carbines were fired, a guiding rope to the hawsers landed on the jetty and the battleship was made fast. Simultaneously, multi-coloured pennants were hoisted in Vanguard and she was dressed overall.

The ship's company, due for end of voyage leave, are having an extra three days at the request of the King. This was announced to them when, before Vanguard reached harbour, he thanked them for a "happy voyage."

King's Farewell
In his last message from Vanguard, Reuters special correspondent who accompanied the Royal Family on their South African tour said that as the battleship steamed slowly up Channel in brilliant sunshine the Royal Family spent most of the time on the quarter-deck, picking up familiar landmarks—the King is a former serving officer in the Royal Navy—and watching scores of small craft which came out

IMPOSSIBLE "ACHIEVED"

Shanghai, May 11.
A man in Shanghai claimed that he has discovered a method to trisect an angle—a feat long considered impossible by mathematicians, according to local Chinese papers.

Declaring that his method uses only a compass and an ungraded ruler, Yang Chia-chao has submitted his supposedly astounding discovery to the Academia Sinica. Whether his method actually works or not still remains to be examined by mathematicians.—Reuter.

Five Die In Factory Accident

Kingstown, Jamaica, May 11.

Five were killed and three injured at the Bernard Lodge sugar factory yesterday when a displaced flywheel smashed the evaporator and hot liquor scalded workers standing nearby. The factory is owned by the United Fruit Company.

A water shortage has again developed in the corporation area, as a result of the drought. The 600,000,000-gallon storage reservoir, completed last October at the cost to the British Treasury of £600,000, is still empty.—Reuter.

PROFESSORS ARRESTED

Rome, May 11.

Professor of Letters Salvatore Farina, Professor of Theology Vincenzo Giordano and high school instructor Francesco Panzarini were arrested today on a charge of selling false high school diplomas and university credentials for 200,000 lire each.

The Carabinieri believed the arrested men to be members of an organization operating in many Italian cities.—United Press.

Alaskan Airfields For B-36 Bombers

Washington, May 11.
Emphasizing the importance the War Department attaches to the Arctic in planning American defences, Army Air Forces today announced an US\$8,250,000 expansion programme for an area near Ladd Field, Alaska, to base its 10,000-mile B-36 super-bombers.

Nearly US\$3,000,000 in addition will be spent at Whittier Port, near Anchorage.

These two sums are in addition to the US\$13,000,000 which the War Department on May 1 announced would be spent on a strategic bomber base in Maine, from the south coast to greet them.

Early this morning the King said good-bye to the ship's company on the quarter-deck and thanked them for making the voyage pleasant and happy.

"The Queen and I and the Princesses will always look back on our time spent in Vanguard with the greatest pleasure," he said.

The King told the crew he was granting them three days' extra leave because of the extra work caused by the Royal Party's presence on board.

The Captain of Vanguard, Rear Admiral Sir William Agnew, gave the King and Queen and the Princesses farewell presents from the ship—a pocketbook for the King, and brooches with Vanguard's crest for the Queen and the Princesses.

To the delight of the crew, the Queen immediately planned the brooch on her dress.—Reuter.

Christian Approach Lacking

London, May 11.
Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, declared today that a Christian approach and background was lacking in Britain's productive effort.

Preaching at the morning service of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, Sir Stafford said: "Our industrial morale is low because a merely materialistic self-centred outlook on our work cannot give us a high morale."

Declaring that it was through human relationships and not through monetary payments that the sense of friendship, justice and cooperation was created, Sir Stafford warned that every effort would fall in its purpose unless the country's problems were approached in a Christian spirit.

"If we merely seek to accumulate material prosperity, we shall lose all that is worth while in happy experience and achievement," he added.—Reuter.

Italian Communist To Sue "Time"

Rome, May 11.
The Propaganda Office of the Italian Communist Party said today that the party secretary, Palmiro Togliatti, is preparing a libel suit against the United States weekly news magazine "Time" for its assertion that he betrayed Italian Socialists to the Fascist secret police in 1926.

Togliatti has already announced that he would sue the Rome newspaper Il Tempo for reprinting accusations against him from Time magazine's May 5 cover article on Italian Communists.

Time said Togliatti and Ignazio Silone, Italian novelist who then was a Communist but is now an anti-Communist Socialist, received orders from Moscow to denounce Italian Socialist leaders to the Fascist OVRA in line with the 1926 world Communist policy to consider Socialists as "enemies of the people." Time said Silone refused and left the Communist Party but Togliatti complied.

The Communist newspaper itself repeated Time's accusations in its issue today and said they were false. Silone, in a published newspaper letter, described Time's version as "absolutely unfounded."

The Unita, in reviewing the affair in an editorial today, attacked Time's Rome correspondent, Emmet Hughes, and charged that the accusations were just another example of the "Hearst press."

In a concluding reference to the forthcoming suit, Unita said, "We wish to remind Mr. Hughes that Italy, despite what he may think, is not the Brazil of Dutra nor the Greece of Tsaldaris nor the Turkey of Inönü. Are these people (of the monied American press) really sure that in Italy there are no magistrates ready to scoff at the millions of Hearst or ready to require respect for the law which calls for the punishment of calumny?"

Hughes laughed when asked for comment on an implied accusation that he might try to bribe magistrates but said he had nothing to say about the whole matter for publication.—United Press.

RIOTS IN AMRITSAR
Amritsar, May 11.
Communal disturbances increased in Amritsar, the holy city of the Sikhs, today when over 20 incidents were reported.

Seventeen have been killed and 22 injured in the city since Friday.

A palatial building belonging to a wealthy merchant, now occupied by a police picket, was set on fire and firemen fighting the blaze were pelted with stones.

Firemen were stoned in other places while putting out fires. A handloom weaving factory and a furniture shop were gutted.—Reuter.

London, May 11.
A commission of five United States experts yesterday left for Turkey to assess the country's military needs under President Truman's aid to Greece and Turkey programme. The commission will visit Istanbul, Smyrna and possibly the Black Sea coast.—Reuter.

Britain A Nation Of Pessimists?

London, May 12.
Britain in 1946 became a nation of pessimists "largely convinced of the inevitability of another conflict," a private opinion survey agency reported today.

Reporting on investigations undertaken for the New Commonwealth, an international society of which Winston Churchill is president, "Mass Observation" said:

"The overall impression is one of increasing resignation to the idea of another war, less expression of indignation and a more fatalistic attitude now that the atom bomb has become more familiar."

"Instead of the wishful thinking of 1939/40 which minimised future troubles and expected the best in the worst possible of worlds we now have its antithesis in a majority expectation of the worst."

The survey will be published Monday in a report of the Churchill-headed organisation. The New Commonwealth is aimed at promoting international law and order through creation of an equity tribunal and international police force.

Pro-Russian
The survey reported that it noted a rapid return of the old pro-USSR attitude, commenting that "fundamentally and privately there was always much more sympathy towards Russia than a stranger could obtain from formal questioning in public."

Surveys during recent months, the agency said, "have shown an increasing trend towards a sort of negative nationalism, a desire to isolate Britain against world affairs. This trend runs parallel with an increasingly hostile and suspicious attitude toward ex-allied countries, especially the USSR."—Associated Press.

Cardinal Griffin's Broadcast

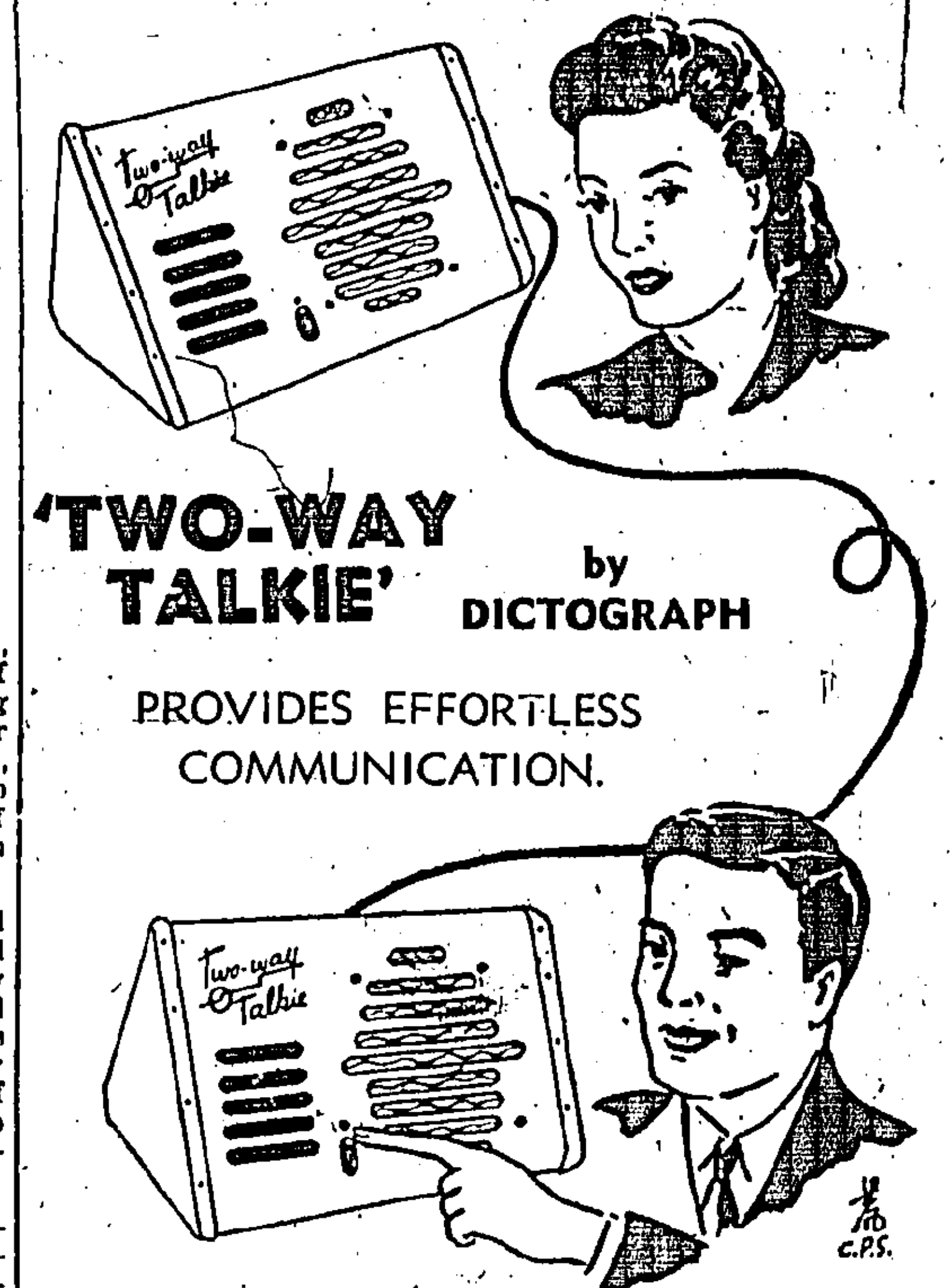
London, May 11.
Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Roman Catholic Primate of Britain, who is now visiting the Vatican, broadcasting over the Vatican Radio tonight, thanked the Pope for his "deep interest in the many details of Catholic life and activity in England."

"We are especially indebted to him for his constant and deep affection for our country and its people," the Cardinal said. "He has shown his paternal affection by the many audiences to thousands of members of our forces and to Catholic and non-Catholic civilians."

The Cardinal said that British Roman Catholics numbered three million out of a population of forty million.

The Cardinal said that he was leaving Rome on Thursday with Monsignor Joseph Masterson, Archbishop of Birmingham, to join the first national English pilgrimage since the outbreak of the war to the famed shrine at Lourdes, South France.—Reuter.

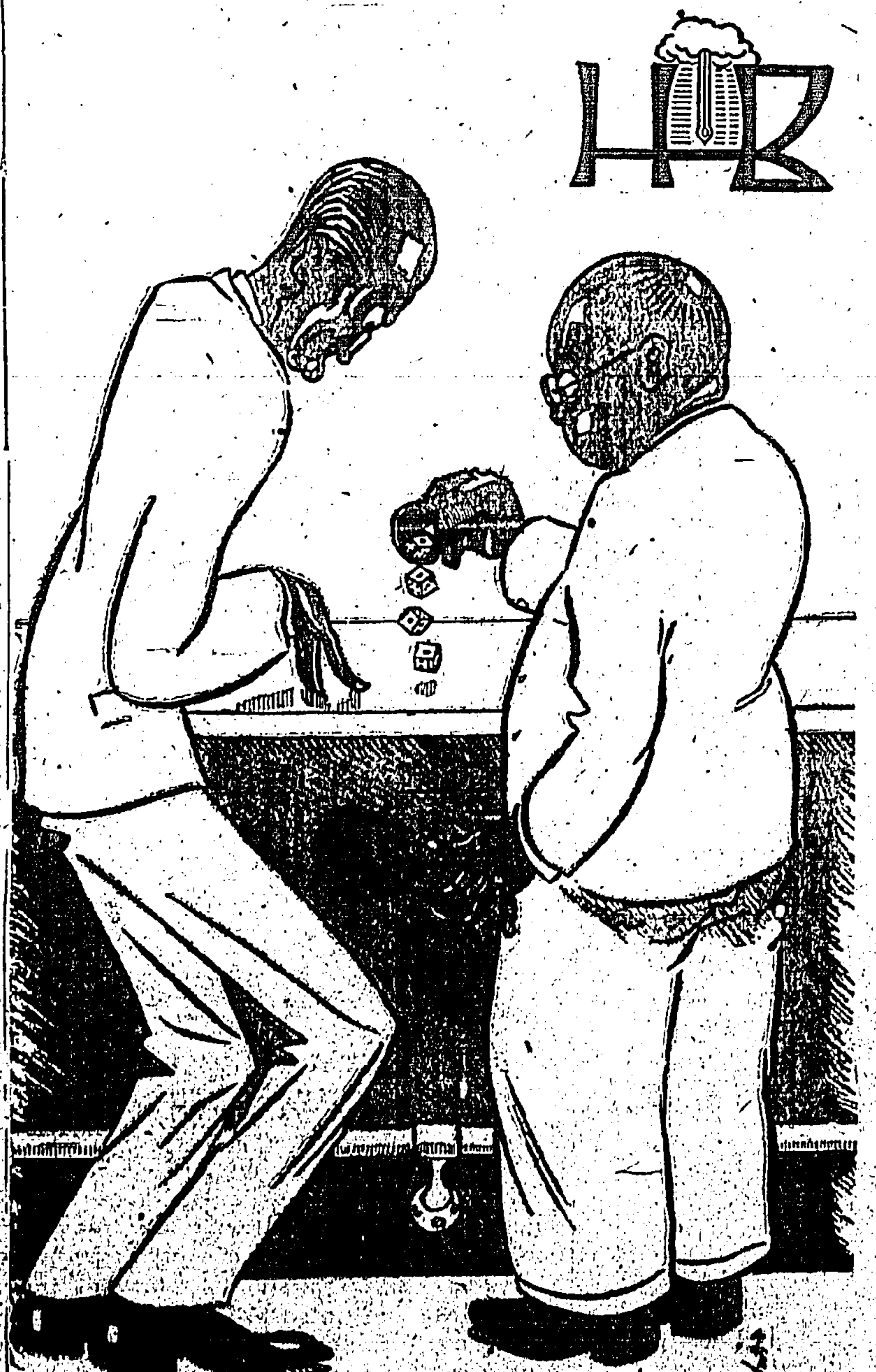
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75 Ft. M.F.Vs. 1008, 1017, 1071, 1101, 1127, 1158.

Tender forms may be had on application to Suptdg: Naval
Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard, Hong Kong, and completed
forms must be returned in sealed envelopes clearly marked
"Tender for M.F.Vs." to Suptdg: Naval Store Officer, Hong
Kong by noon on Tuesday 27th May, 1947. Tenders may be
for all the boats or for part of them but the number of each
craft bid for should be stated.

Admission to view the craft will be granted on production
of the tender form on Mondays to Fridays between the hours
of 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The following conditions apply:—

1. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of HK\$2,000.00
which will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.
2. The craft are offered as they lie and no guarantee can
be given as to their condition, equipment etc.
3. Boats must be removed by the buyer within 14 days of
acceptance of the tender, failing which a charge for
rent will be made.
4. A written guarantee is required that the craft will not be
resold for at least two years from date of acceptance of
tender.
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est offer and they reserve the right to dispose of the craft
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4. Applicants for Tender Forms are required to deposit
\$100.00 with the Board at the time of applying for the
Tender Form. This sum may be reckoned as part of the
10% deposit required to be remitted with any Tender. (See
paragraph of Page 1 of Tender Form).
5. The \$100.00 deposits made by contractors not eventually
winning to tender will be returnable against receipt in the
Board's offices of the original Tender Form issued.
6. Closing date for tenders:—12 Noon, Saturday, 17th May
1947.
7. The Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of Shareholders will be held
at the Jacobean Room, Hong-
kong Hotel, Pedder Street,
Hong Kong, on Saturday, 31st
May, 1947, at 12.15 p.m. (or
as soon thereafter as the Or-
dinary Annual Meeting to be
held at Noon on that date shall
have been concluded) for the
purpose of considering and, if
thought fit, passing the sub-
joined Resolution as an Ordina-
ry Resolution:—

"That the Capital of the
Company be increased to
\$10,000,000.—by the creation
of One Million Two Hundred
Thousand additional new
shares of Five Dollars each
to be issued at such terms
and conditions in every re-
spect as the Company's Board
of Directors may think fit."

By Order of the Board,

A. D. LEARMONTH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1947.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty-Sixth Annual General
Meeting of the Shareholders
will be held in the Jacobean
Room of the Hongkong Hotel,
Pedder Street, Hongkong, on
Saturday, the 31st May 1947, at
Noon for the following purposes,
namely, to consider the annual
statement of accounts and the
balance sheet, and the
reports of the Directors and
Auditors thereon, to elect Di-
rectors and Auditors in the place
of those retiring, to declare a
dividend and bonus, to appro-
priate the balance of Profit and
Loss Accounts as recommended
by the Directors, and to trans-
act any other ordinary
business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given
that the Share Transfer Re-
gisters will be closed from 20th
May, 1947 to 31st May, 1947,
both date inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. D. LEARMONTH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1947.

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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NOTICE is hereby given that
the Fifty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Company
(since registration) will be
held at the Hong Kong Hotel,
Hong Kong, on Friday, 6th
June, 1947, at 11.30 A.M. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Directors, together
with the Statement of Accounts
for the period ended 31st Octo-
ber, 1946, and to elect Direc-
tors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Friday, 23rd May, 1947, to
Friday, 6th June, 1947, both
days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON,
General Managers
Hong Kong, 9th May, 1947.

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Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Offices of Messrs
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Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1946 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 21st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

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TORIES' "ALTERNATIVE" PLAN "Warding-Off" Drift Towards Socialism

London, May 11.
Mr. Harold MacMillan, one of Britain's leading
young Conservatives, tonight described his
Party's new industrial policy as an "alternat-
ive system" designed to ward off the "inevit-
able drift towards a complete Socialist
society."

Such a system, he said in his public speech, was
contrary to the British spirit and opposed by
the majority of Britons.

"We have given something the
people can believe in, not as a
reaction against an unpopular
Government but as a working
hypothesis for a running alterna-
tive system of society."

The Conservative Party policy
statement, MacMillan said, was
the result of "much thinking and
study" both before and since the
war.

"It had become clear since the
war that either we were going to
reach some really working basis
of partnership between the state
and industry, with an appropri-
ate role played by each, or there
would be no alternative but an
inevitable drift toward a com-
plete Socialist society."

"Inconceivably Bad"

He envisaged the time when,
having nationalized three indus-
tries, the Labourites would pro-
pose the nationalization of steel
and of motion pictures. "Thus a
complete Socialist state would be
built up, not because the greater
part of the Socialist party really
wanted it, but because there
would be no alternative theory
to prevent it."

"I do not believe the greater
part of the country wants to
drift in that direction. It is con-
trary to the British spirit and,
however much an experiment
can be played with in a vast
country with immense resources,
that of Socialism is one which is
inconceivably bad for us."

Both the speaker and another
Conservative leader, Mr. R. A.
Butler, emphasized that the
policy was designed to "humanize
industry."—United Press.

Tory Statement

London, May 12.
The Conservative Party re-
affirmed its belief in free enter-
prise last night and pledged
itself to work for restoring "a
wide measure of freedom" to
some of the industries taken
into state ownership by the La-
bour Government.

"We are opposed to nation-
alization in principle," said a
new pronouncement of party
industrial policy contained in
a 40-page booklet printed for
national distribution.

The statement, however, dis-
claimed any intention of restor-
ing the government-owned
Bank of England or coal indus-
try to private enterprise.

"We propose that a wide
measure of freedom should be
restored to the Liverpool cot-
ton market, road transport and
certain parts of civil aviation,"
the statement said.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

THE MAY HALF-YEARLY
GENERAL MEETING OF VOT-
ING MEMBERS will be held
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Valley, on Thursday, 29th May,
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ALL MEMBERS are cordial-
ly invited to attend and par-
ticipate in any discussion which
may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May 1947.

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COULD BE INDEPENDENT

Doncaster, May 11.
Britain would "become en-
tirely independent of the
Americans" if she could pro-
duce and export as much coal
as in 1939, Mr. Harry Pollitt,
Secretary-General of the
British Communist Party, de-
clared here tonight.

Britain could buy cheaper
wheat in Argentina, if she
could send coal there, he
added.—Reuter.

Franco's 'Clear Conscience'

Valencia, May 11.
Generalissimo Francisco
Franco, in a civic address at
Valencia last night, said he
would quit his job if he were
not absolutely certain he was
taking Spaniards to the right
destination.

"I tell you that if that were
not the solution and I did not
have the absolute certainty of
leading you to a good port, I
would leave the field free
and depart," Franco told his
audience.

This was the Caudillo's first
reference to his tenure of office
since the announcement of his
succession project six weeks
ago.

Franco opened his address
by saying he was a man of
deeds, not words, and then out-
lined some of his accomplish-
ments. Admitting that the
Spanish economy was weak, he
blamed it on the abandonment
of the last half-century.—Unit-
ed Press.

lieve that there should be one
rate for the job provided that
the services rendered and the
results achieved by men and
women are the same," the char-
ter declared.—Associated Press.

Hoover's Statement 28 Years Ago

Washington, May 12.
A 28-year-old statement by Herbert Hoover that
the Western Hemisphere could not meet
Europe's economic needs indefinitely, was
published last night by the State Department
in the latest of a series of historical documents.

Hoover, then a relief adminis-
trator, gave his estimate of the
European economic situation in
the wake of World War I, in a
report to the Supreme Economic
Council of the Allied and asso-
ciated powers.

"During some short period it
may be possible for the Western
Hemisphere, which has retained
and even increased its produc-
tivity, to supply the deficiencies
of Europe," Hoover advised on
July 3, 1919.

"Such deficiencies would have
to be supplied in a large degree
upon credit; but aside from this
the entire surplus productivity of
the Western Hemisphere is total-
ly incapable of meeting the pre-
scent deficiency in European pro-
duction if it is long continued,
nor as a practical fact, could
credits be mobilized for this pur-
pose for more than a short period,
because all credits must neces-
sarily be simply an advance
against the return of commodi-
ties in exchange, and credits will
break down the instant that the
return of commodities becomes
improbable."

Further, if such credits be ob-
tained for more than temporary
purposes, it would result in the
economic slavery of Europe to
the Western Hemisphere, and the
ultimate end would be war again.

Maximum Effort
"The solution, therefore, of the
problem, except in purely tempo-
rary aspects, does not lie in a
stream of commodities on credit
from the Western Hemisphere,
but lies in a vigorous realization
of the actual situation in each
country of Europe, and a resolute
statecraft based on such
realization."

"The populations of Europe
must be brought to a realization
that productivity must be in-
stantly increased."

The former President said fur-
ther that "whatever the economic
theory or political cry, it must
embrace the maximum individual
effort, for there is no margin of
surplus productivity in Europe
which will bring food to those
starving, or fuel to those bestrid-
den, or secure the maximum pro-
duction."

Hoover's report was contained
in volume of foreign relations of
the United States covering the
1919 peace conference.—Associa-
ted Press.

Obituary

Gray Miller
Montreal, May 12.

Gray Miller, 62, chairman of
the board of the British-Ameri-
can Tobacco Company Limited,
and former president of the
Imperial Tobacco Company of
Canada, died today.

He arrived here recently
from England on a visit to
Canada.

Born in Culpepper, Virginia,
he was elected director and
vice-president of the Imperial
Tobacco in 1925 and became
president of the company in
1933. He retired from his
position in 1939 and took up
residence in the United King-
dom.

While in Canada, Miller had
been director of the Royal Bank
of Canada from 1937 to 1941.
In 1938 he served as vice
president of the Montreal
board of trade.—Associated
Press.

Paris, May 11.
King Gustave of Sweden
spent a quiet day at his hotel
in Nice today. He was plan-
ning to go to a theatre tonight.
—Reuter.

Spinsters Pensions Parade

London, May 11.
Hundreds of unmarri-
ed women from all parts
of the country gathered
in Trafalgar Square this
afternoon to demon-
strate for old age pen-
sions for spinsters at 55
instead of 60.

The demonstration of the Na-
tional Spinsters Pension Assoca-
tion started a national publicity
week to enlist sympathy for their
aims.

Miss Florence White, the spin-
sters' leader, gave a fair warning
to the Government that "the wo-
men are getting on its track."

The demonstration was the cen-
tre of interest of a little crowd
of Londoners this sunny after-
noon, particularly when the spin-
sters paraded along Whitehall
singing their rally song—written
for them by a married woman.
They halted at Downing Street
and a resolution containing their
demands was delivered at the re-
sidence of the Prime Minister.—
Reuter.

New British Ambassador To Belgium

London, May 11.
Sir George William Rendel,
permanent secretary at the
Foreign Office, has been ap-
pointed Ambassador to Belgium
and Minister to Luxembourg,
in succession to Sir Hugh
Knatchbull-Hugessen, who will
shortly be retiring.

Sir George Rendel will not
take up his new post until the
autumn, as he has been ap-
pointed United Kingdom representa-
tive on the four-power commis-
sion in Vienna, which the
Council of Foreign Ministers
in Moscow had set up to exa-
mine all questions in the Aus-
trian treaty.

Sir George Rendel, who is 58,
in addition to being a perma-
nent secretary at the Foreign
Office, is the British representa-
tive on the European Commit-
tee of UNRRA. He was the
head of the Eastern Depart-
ment of the Foreign Office from
1930 to 1938 and from 1938 to
1941 was His Majesty's envoy
extraordinary and minister
plenipotentiary to Bulgaria.

From 1941 to 1943, he was Brit-
ish Ambassador to the Yugo-
slav Government in London.
Sir George narrowly escaped
assassination attempts by
enemy agents when he was
withdrawn from Sofia in 1941.
An attempt was made to blow
up the special train in which
the British party travelled
from Sofia to Turkey and later
an attempt was made to blow
up the hotel in Istanbul, where
he was staying.—Reuter.

Tear Gas To Quell Riot

Frankfurt, May 11.
United States occupation po-
lice used tear gas and fire-arms
when disturbances broke out at
the Polish displaced persons
camp at Albstadt, Bavaria.
Cause of the disturbance was
the appointment of new ad-
ministrative officers in the
camp by UNRRA camp officials.
Today's announcement added
that no one was injured. Or-
der was restored by the occupa-
tion police.—Reuter.

INDIA TALK POSTPONED

New Delhi, May 11.
The meeting between the
Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, and
Indian leaders and representatives
of States, which had been ar-
ranged for the morning of May
17, has been postponed to June 2.
The postponement is believed
to be due to the Whitsun recess
of the British Parliament.
The meeting had been called
for the Viceroy to propound to
Indian leaders the conditions of
handing over the reins of govern-
ment to India.—Reuter.

PRESS TAKES NOTE

Madrid, May 12.
Spain's controlled press took
first notice today of the Bilbao
strike, publishing a brief police
statement under the headline
"work going on normally in
Spain."
The statement said "workers
who did not appear at their
jobs have all resumed their
tasks."—Associated Press.

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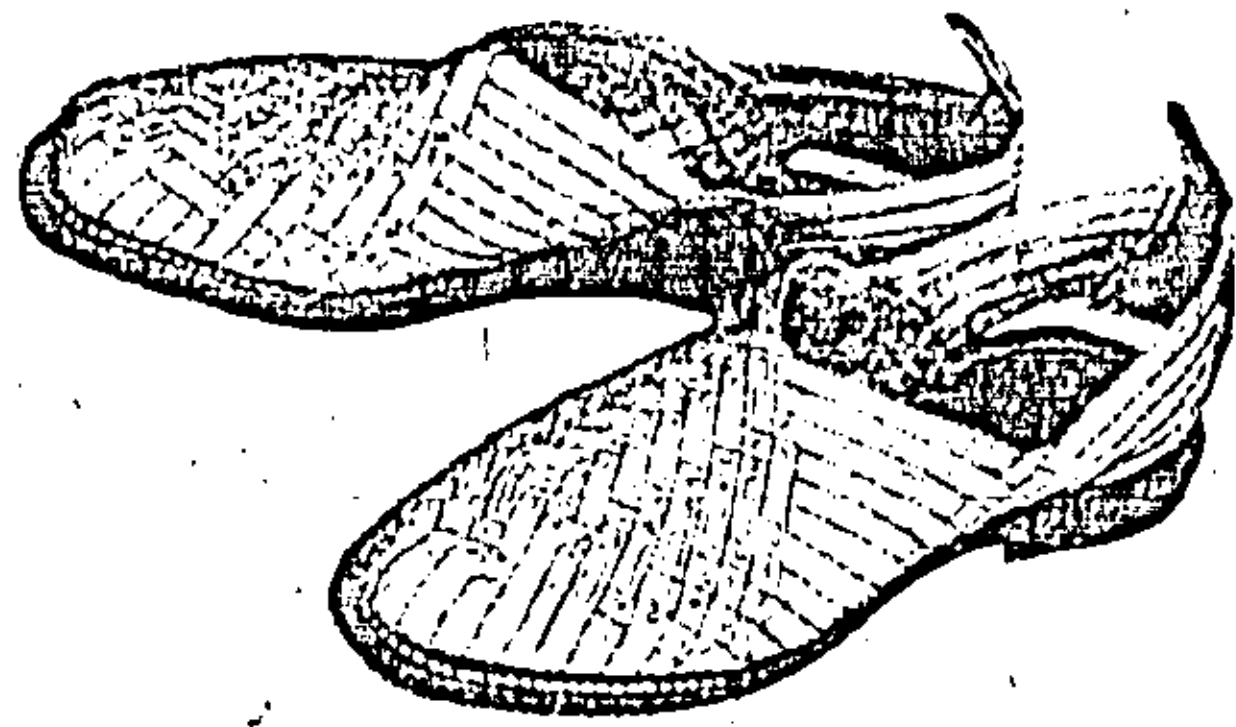
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NANKING AND U.S. LOAN Speculation Over Possible Conditions More Government Reform?

Nanking, May 12. The Nanking Government is encouraged by reports that the United States might grant individual loans to China for sound specified projects but is wondering how far Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will have to go before-hand in further "broadening" the Government.

The recent appointment of Chang Chun as premier and the inclusion of representatives of the Democratic-Socialist and China Youth parties in the complex administrative mechanism, while representing an advance over the previous position, apparently has still not gone far enough to satisfy Washington. There is no doubt in the minds of diplomatic quarters in Nanking that the government, while "broadening" its outward form, still is very much part and parcel of the Kuomintang.

More cynical observers regard the two factions as political con-men acquired by the Kuomintang for the purposes of expediency and say the broad condition is far too euphemistic.

Crisis Year

The government continues increasing its difficulties in what everyone regards as a year of crisis brought about largely by the unabated inflation and the seeming inability to crush the Communists with the foreseeable future.

Some of the more liberal elements in Nanking would welcome a revival of peace negotiations with the Communists but the prospects are extremely dim because neither side would like to compromise to the extent which would satisfy the other.

From all appearances the government will not put out new feelers, especially as the Minister of National Defense, Pai Chung-hsi, and other key figures are convinced that the only possible settlement is on the battlefield.

On the diplomatic front China and Russia appear no nearer composing their differences over Dairen and Port Arthur.—Associated Press.

CHEN YI IN NANKING

Nanking, May 12. General Chen Yi, former governor of Taiwan, arrived in Nanking by plane from Taipei yesterday afternoon, thus ending his 17-month rule of that island culminating in bloody riots and uprising in February and March.

The new governor, Dr. Wei Tao-min, former Ambassador to Washington, is still in Nanking. He is expected to assume his new post late this month.—United Press.

MARINES PULL OUT

Peiping, May 12. The Marine withdrawal from Peiping to Chingwangtao, commenced yesterday, was completed this morning. The last batch of Leathernecks left by train en route to new duties at Guam.—United Press.

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Communist Move In Mongolia

Nanking, May 12. The Communist radio today announced the formation of a Communist-sponsored Inner Mongolian Autonomous Government on May 2 at Wangshihou, North Manchuria.

The Government was elected by representatives of Mongolian leagues and banners. Nyhe was elected chairman of the Autonomous Government and Huanga the vice-chairman. Twenty-one Inner Mongolians were elected members of the Government Council.

The broadcast said the People's Council on May 2 elected Baorn-maha as Speaker of the House and Gyigatai as vice-Speaker in addition to a Standing Committee of 11 members.

Nyhe, in his inaugural speech, said the establishment of the Autonomous Government was a preliminary victory for the Inner Mongolian movement for self-government achieved with the assistance of Chinese Communists. He said this move will also expedite the downfall of Chiang Kai-shek's great banishment (him) in the Chinese race.—United Press.

Japanese Stories At Tojo Trial

Tokyo, May 12. The War Crimes Court trying former Premier Hideki Tojo and other major war crimes suspects today heard a succession of Japanese witnesses attempt to nullify previous prosecution evidence regarding Japan's aggressions in China.

Yoshitaro Kawamoto, former member of the war service section of the Japanese War Ministry, told the court that the Japanese-controlled North China Exploitation Company was not formed for the purpose of "exploiting" China but as a joint Sino-Japanese venture in which both Chinese capital, industry and labour and the Japanese could profit.

Yasuto Nakayama, former staff member of the Central China Area Army in 1937, offered a 14-page affidavit to the effect that the so-called "Nanking Incident" was largely the result of ill-founded rumours throughout the world.

He said defendant Iwane Matsui gave strict instructions to officers in order to forestall any illegal actions by troops entering the walled city. He said Matsui showed solicitude in changing the draft order for the city's capture from "capital of the enemy nation" to "capital of China" because in his (Matsui's) opinion "China" as a whole, is not our enemy but only some sections of her countrymen.—United Press.

NEW DRUG FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, May 12. Chlorophyll, a drug extracted from green matter in grass and plants, and reputed to have medicinal qualities equal to or greater than either penicillin or sulfa, when applied locally, will be imported into Tokyo for use in research.

Unlike the other two drugs, chlorophyll is non-toxic and can be administered in large quantities with no ill effects.—Reuter.

FORGOT RULE NO. 1

Tokyo, May 12. Private Steve J. Chinan forgot one of the cardinal rules of the paratrooper—Don't jump without a parachute. Today, the 18-year-old paratrooper from Hempill, Texas, in recovering from injuries he received on May 7 when he stepped through the thick smoke of his barracks while working in his sleep. He suffered a brain concussion and fractured skull.—United Press.

Cigarettes Of Manure

Tokyo, May 12. The Jiji news service reported today that although they may not know it local residents are smoking cigarettes containing dried horse manure specially cut and dried. This special brand is reported to be selling fast on the black market. Officials of the Tobacco Monopoly Bureau, after examining samples of the cigarettes, said "they don't smell as bad as one might think. They are very unsanitary, that's all."—United Press.

CHINA PEACE TALK DISCOUNTED

Nanking, May 11. The independent Hsin Min Pao today reported that a peace movement might be launched by liberal members of the People's Political Council when the Council meets for its last session on May 20 before its dissolution next Christmas, when it will be replaced by the National Assembly.

The paper said the movement is expected to be led by Democratic League members of the PPC and free-thinking professors like Chou Ping-tin, Chien Tann-sheng and Hsu Teh-yung who, the paper claimed, have now started wire-drawing in the coming peace offensive.

The Hsin Min Pao report followed recent resurgent agitation, mostly among the Leftist elements, for ending what they called the "suicidal" civil war.

However, well-informed sources, while agreeing to the wisdom of halting the present civil war, which is undoubtedly disastrous in China's already crumbling economy, doubted the feasibility of a peace movement under the present circumstances.

Useless?

Democratic League members of the PPC who are expected to initiate the movement at the Council have not yet decided whether to attend the Council's coming session, according to one of the Democratic League leaders, Chang Po-chun.

These quarters opined that even if the movement is started it will be most probably of no avail in the still Kuomintang-dominated Council.

Besides, the Government is unlikely even to consider the liberal appeals since it is committed to a policy of armed extermination of the Communists.

High Government circles regarded that an about turn of the present policy would be tantamount to surrender to the Communists—especially as the Reds are gaining the upper hand in Shansi.

Unity First

Premier Chang Chun and members of the Legislative Yuan have recently made clear that unity must precede peace and observers interpreted the decision to mean that the Communists must be made to submit to the Government authority either voluntarily or by force before resumption of peace talks can be considered.

Meanwhile, some independent quarters and also lower rank Kuomintang elements suggested that before mopping up the Communists in Shantung province it might be wise for the Government to adopt an offensive by ringing the Communists in Hopei and Shansi provinces while diverting all Government efforts to tackling the worsening economic troubles. But one weakness in this suggestion is that the Communists might not allow themselves to be sealed up and might make constant attempts to break through which would mean resumption of heavy fighting and prevent

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THE PEACE OF EUROPE

Although the post-Moscow reports of General Marshall and Mr. Bevin make it clear that the Foreign Ministers' Conference achieved nothing to further the peace of Europe, it is clear, at the same time, that they did nothing harmful to it. The Moscow Conference failed because of Mr. Molotov's insistence on reparations from current production on the one side, and Gen. Marshall's and Mr. Bevin's reluctance on the other to subordinate such problems of immediate need to long term political and economic considerations that will decide the durability of peace. In fairness to all delegations they did not expect any spectacular results to emerge from this conference before they started. Agreement on the Austrian peace treaty seems almost at an end, while with the position on Germany now clarified the difference appears fundamental and almost irreconcilable. Mr. Bevin has indicated that the apparent agreement of the conference on the raising of the level of industry in the Ruhr will be acted upon before the next Council meeting although no decision to that effect was made. To avoid unilateral action, an effort will undoubtedly be made through the Allied Control Council in Berlin to reach a decision on this. There is, however, the determination that whatever may come of this effort the Germans must be told how much industry they will be able to keep, for this will determine their future living standard. The discussion of Austria failed because Russia is afraid that the moment she loosens her grip on Austria, American economic influences would take a strong hold in the country. The Western Powers, on the other hand, had their suspicions of the Russian desire for the economic penetration of Austria aroused by Mr. Molotov's demands for an Austrian-Russian setup in the Danubian shipping company and the oilfields of Zisterdorf, as well as a predominant influence in other factories in the Russian zone which would, if necessary, allow them to strangle the Austrian Government's independence. Russian suspicions of American intentions were fanned when Austria recently offered to pay Russia 50 million Swiss francs if she would abandon her share in the Zisterdorf oil wells. When Russia asked from where this amount was forthcoming, there was an embarrassing silence. Mr. Molotov, in one of the secret sessions, gave a strong hint that he was prepared to drop his support of Yugoslavia's border and reparations claims, but he was obviously disappointed when this concession—which would not cost him much—did not change the Anglo-U.S. attitude on German assets. Nevertheless, the Commission of experts which is now going to study the Russian claims for German assets on the spot in Austria, opens up new hope for a speedier settlement of the Austrian peace treaty. This Commission represents a concession on the part of Mr. Molotov who, up to now, has insisted that the question of assets was not a matter for Four-Power decision but strictly the concern of Austria and the Soviet Government. There is some hope that the Austrian peace treaty, as Mr. Bevin emphasised, will mature before the next meeting of the Foreign Ministers. What emerged from this conference was a clarification of United States foreign policy in Europe. Gen. Marshall made it clear that the United States is not ready to participate in decisions on European affairs but, implementing the Truman doctrine, is also ready to forestall the expansion of Communism. In fact, at this conference he made a second counter-offensive—if we consider the action in Greece and

A Gracious Home Goes To The National Trust

By V. Sackville-West

The great frame house known as Knole, in Kent, from which it takes its name, near the ancient town of Sevenoaks in Kent, is a fine, being built of Kentish ragstone, rough though silvery, but its roofs are of warm reddish brown tiles so that from the air you get the impression of a brown house, several acres of it, squarely arranged round its seven courtyards of varying size.

This is one of the curious things about Knole: its seven courtyards correspond to the days of the week, its 52 staircases to the weeks of the year, its 365 rooms to the days of the year.

From so exact a calculation, it might be supposed that this house has been built all of a piece by some single and mathematically-minded owner. Such is not the case. Knole has grown. Organically it has grown even as the oaks and beeches its parks have grown; and owner after owner has added something to it whether of main construction or of interior adornment. Its beginnings are obscure.

A Great Builder

First-mentioned by name in 1281 we find that in 1456 William Plemnes, Lord Saye and Sele sold it to Thomas Bourchier, Archbishop of Canterbury, who in his turn presented it as an archiepiscopal palace to the See of Canterbury six years before his own death. Bourchier loved Knole. That is clear. He spent much time there; he died there; and he built much of the great house. The building he purchased from Lord Saye and Sele were massive, uncouth and elementary—we can still see them, in the kitchens and the stone-flagged backstairs, the square undecorated towers, the rude

Turkey as the first. He gave strong support to French claims for coal and for the integration of the Saar with France's economy. He refused to make any concessions to Soviet intrusion into Austria's economy, and he threatened to expose Russia's intentions to the public tribune of the United Nations General Assembly if she still clung to her demands against Austria, whose injustice was self-evident. Gen. Marshall—and in this he differs from Mr. Byrnes—takes a great interest in France, which has moved closer to the Anglo-Americans during this conference. Both Mr. Marshall's and Bevin's efforts to satisfy French demands were, of course, made easier by Molotov's stubborn insistence that an immediate decision on the Saar would be a technical blunder that might have further repercussions, especially if the next French Government should be formed as it has been, without Communist participation. Also it became clear that the Foreign Ministers cannot prolong their differences over Germany beyond the next meeting in November. It will therefore be decisive if Europe is to be split into two. General Marshall, although he never said it in so many words, strongly indicated that he does not belong to those who believe that salvation will be found in a divided Germany and that he is prepared to take the plunge and accept the inevitable if Russia's present attitude should be maintained. In any case unless the Allied Control Council in Berlin makes some progress in reconciling the views of the Four Powers soon, the position of Germany as it now exists is bound to continue. And if France should join the Anglo-American zone—which for economic reasons she may be forced to do sooner or later—the position will be complete. While Gen. Marshall took the lead during the last days of the conference when his patients seemed strained to the last, Mr. Bevin led the discussions for the first four weeks. It was Mr. Bevin's best conference performance yet. The technical blueprints submitted by the British delegation were the most precise and usually formed the basis for discussion. The Anglo-Russian treaty talks, which took place behind the scenes of the conference made little progress, and with Mr. Molotov's rejection of the Four-Power treaty proposed by the United States, there seems now little hope of it being concluded in the near future since both treaties are closely related.

One of the largest private houses in England, Knole House, Kent has recently been given to the British nation—the gift of Lord Sackville whom the family has occupied it since 1560, through Britain's National Trust, which is now keeping it in permanent preservation for the public.

The family are retaining a lease of part of the historic house which was thrown open to public inspection in April.

During that weekend there were over 2,000 visitors. The following paragraphs have been written by the Hon. V. Sackville-West, novelist daughter of the third Baron Sackville, who childhood was spent at Knole.

jumble which makes a Knole from the northwest aspect look more like a mediaeval village than a private dwelling.

Bourchier by his additions transformed this fortress-like nucleus into an abode fit for the princes of the Church, and later, for the Sackvilles with whose name it must forever be associated. Archbishop Bourchier must be honoured not only as a great builder of Knole but also as a man of culture who "opened his house to literary men whose society he much enjoyed," thus anticipating the Sackvilles in the long tradition of literary connection which has always been a source of pride of Knole.

Henry VIII Takes Over

Knole remained as a palace of the Archbishops of Canterbury until 1538 when Cromwell was more or less compelled to cede it to Henry VIII; then, ceasing to be archiepiscopal

property, it became the property of the Crown until Queen Elizabeth I in 1586 handed it over to her cousin Sir Thomas Sackville, Lord Buckhurst, and later Earl of Dorset, the poet and statesman.

It was Thomas Sackville, who gave to the architecture of Knole its finally Elizabethan or Jacobean character, with the curving gables each surmounted by the heraldic leopard of the Sackvilles; it was he who decorated so many of the rooms with plaster-work ceilings, Palladian mantel-pieces, and carved oak-paneling; but after his work was done his descendants added their share.

No Soulless Fate

Indoors, the rooms and their furnishings, equally represent the gradual growth of all those many years. Here are no "period" rooms; no cold "correctness." James I extends his hand quite naturally to William and Mary.

Here are long galleries and sumptuous bedrooms, incomparable chairs, love-seats, footstools, sofas, immense four-posters, all upholstered in their original velvets, brocades and damasks; heavily fringed and braided; rich in colour; miraculously preserved.

Fortunately the National Trust exists to protect these beloved but anachronistic inheritances from so soulless a fate. I try to convince myself that the transference of my historic home may benefit not only its dynastic owners but also the public which in these democratic days may claim its share in England's lordly and beautiful inheritance.

German-Japanese Economic Resurgence?

Under Secretary of State Dean Acheson's forthright speech on the United States obligations in assisting world recovery provides an excellent illustration of how sensitive

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this chaotic world is to authoritative comment on economic political affairs.

Acheson's statement was made to businessmen and farmers of Cleveland, Mississippi, last Thursday without fanfare yet within a matter of hours it was producing international repercussions, some favourable, others hostile.

Among the points made by the Under-Secretary were that the United States "must push ahead with the reconstruction of those two great workshops of Asia and Europe, Japan and Germany; upon which the ultimate recovery of the two continents so largely depends."

100 Years Ago Today

(Excerpts from The China Mail, May 13, 1847).

The Hong Kong and Canton Steam Packet Company has two vessels building in the Thames. One was launched some months ago, the other is in frame. It is said that a vessel is building in the United States; she is expected to make two trips a day—steaming up from 15 to 20 miles an hour.

We wish them all a safe voyage out, satisfied that a regular and expeditious communication with Canton will prove beneficial to commerce and increase the prosperity of Hong Kong.

(From Bengal) — We only learned by accident yesterday that the "Mary Anne" of London has been ashore on the land opposite Fort Point for several days. The barge, it appears, which has been, violent during the last spring, has so damaged her that she is most likely to become a total wreck.

PUBLIC AUCTION—On Tuesday forenoon the 11th instant at 11 o'clock, will be sold in the Mess Room 95th Regiment, Murray Barracks, the effects of the late Captain Granet, consisting of fowling pieces, saddlery, a sedan chair, shower bath and a variety of other useful articles.

The United States must take as large a volume of imports as possible to narrow the financial gap between the world needs and what it can pay.

The United States must undertake further emergency financing of foreign purchases and her emergency aid must be concentrated in areas where it will be most effective in building political and economic stability and promoting democracy.

A British foreign office spokesman said the Acheson analysis was "farsighted and wise."

Controversial

The "London Times" said Mr. Acheson's proposal for reconstruction of Japan and Germany was controversial.

The "Times" is right because the Paris Communist newspaper "L'Humanite" came out with a blast that expressed the hope that next year's Victory in Europe Day celebration "would not see a Germany transformed into a factory that is Europe's arsenal."

The plan for the economic reconstruction of Japan and Germany naturally will encounter much opposition partly because of the fear of further aggression and partly because of a lack of understanding of how essential these two countries are to the economies of Asia and Europe.

We should not overlook either that it might serve the political aims of some countries to keep Japan and Germany from resuming their former positions.

Not So Strange

It is really not so strange that many people in Europe and Asia should fail to understand that world recovery depends so heavily on the early rehabilitation of Germany and Japan.

Never before has there been such a demonstration of the indispensability of these "two great workshops." World War One left them relatively sound. Moreover, the first world war produced no such general chaos.

However, Britain and the United States are among the nations recognizing that it is imperative to restore Japan and Germany economically while rendering them incapable of waging further war.

The plan is that the Anglo-American pair will proceed with rehabilitation independently. If nobody else wants to join in the task—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"And I'll introduce a bill providing that the retiring official be obliged to surrender to his successor not only his office, but his apartment as well!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

TOO MUCH AT STAKE

In a match point duplicate game, one deal is exactly as important as another. The same number of match points can be scored or lost, on a one bid deal as on a grand slam deal. That is far from true in rubber bridge, however, or in a tournament of any kind in which total contract points count instead of match points per deal. In the latter forms of contract, a game hand is more important than several part-score deals, and a slam hand can be worth more than two game hands. Therefore, in these games, a player should be extremely careful not to make a double which may enable his opponent to succeed with a slam contract.

S. Q 10 4
H. K J 8 4 3 2
D. K J 7
C. 9

S. K 1 8 7
H. A 10 9
D. 8 3 2
C. Q 10 8

S. A 9 6 5 3 2
H. None
D. A
C. A K J 4 3 2

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 S Pass 2 H Pass
3 C Pass 3 H Pass
4 C Pass 4 S Pass
6 S Dbl

West had visions of setting that contract beyond the peradventure of a doubt, by at least a couple of tricks. His heart A seemed a sure winner, two tricks seemed to be in prospect in spades; and another

appeared likely in clubs, with the suit rebid at his right. He ought to put it down three tricks, he felt. But he failed to take account of how his double might direct the declarer's play.

First off, his heart A was ruffed, South led the spade 3 and West played low, the 10 winning. A second heart was ruffed and the spade 6 led. Again West played low, and the Q won. Then came the club A, a ruff of the club 2 with the spade 4, the diamond A, the spade A, club K and club J. West ruffed that with his last spade, the K, and had nothing remaining but red cards to lead to the dummy's good kings. They and South's last spade took the final three tricks.

Of course, even as South played, West should have set the contract by playing his K on either of the first two trump rounds, then leading a trump. That slip, on top of his help to declarer with the double, proved fatal.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. None
H. J 10 7 4 3
D. K 8 5 3
C. K Q 9 7

S. A K 10 7
H. A K Q
D. A 4
C. A 6

S. Q J 6 5 3 2
H. 9
D. Q 10 6 2
C. 10 5

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)
What opening bid would you make on West's big hand?

London Fashions For The Garden Party

Harassed couturiers in London are fast getting cramp at satisfying the demands of their fashionable clientele. Deep silence reigns in the crystal chandelied salons. Optimistic customers are turned away. No more orders can be taken.

Worth admitted they were concentrating their efforts on the return of Princess Elizabeth and her birthday celebrations.

A pale grey, figured frock with red buttons and elbow length sleeves, had loose fitting coat with silver and grey leather belt.

A victim of the rush and indifference of the customs was Molyneux. "Form filling is a daily toll in the house, on Grosvenor Street. Every piece of imported French material has to be declared and, sometimes months pass before the material leaves the customs. Meanwhile, customers wait impatiently for their orders to be filled. Navy and white coloured check crepe had arrived and was used to make up a charming ensemble of short dress with flat skirt and box jacket to match. Identical buttons in dress and coat. British beige coloured rayon with a big black motif on the collar and belt.

At Norman Hartnell's, time was taken off to show two popular daytime models. Figure-clinging day dresses with matching jackets and big, over-the-eye straw hats are favoured for the Buckingham Palace garden parties. An orange blossom crepeprint dress with jacket to match had cross-over-side drapery, white motif on the collar and belt with prominent hip bow. The jacket had elbow length sleeves with white cuff pipings. The slip drapery.

Parisians' Breadless Sunday

Paris, May 12. This capital had its first breadless Sunday as bakeries throughout the city closed in compliance with an order designed to conserve the dwindling wheat supplies.

Thousands of Parisians who danced in the streets until the early hours in the delayed VE-Day celebration awoke to a threat of a new slash in the present bread ration of nine ounces daily.

Agricultural sources say France must get an additional 108,000 tons of wheat in order to estimate the ration cut.

Two weeks ago, the bread ration was reduced by 15 per cent.

The shortage of wheat caused the closing of more than half the bakeries in Nantes. At Toulouse they shut down four days of the week.

Regional authorities are taking drastic measures to insure a minimum bread ration. They arrested farmers for feeding wheat to cattle and sent out grain to compensate all non-declared stock of wheat. Associated Press.

Churchill Back Home

London, May 11. Mr. Winston Churchill arrived at Rotherhithe Airport tonight by air from Paris, where he attended the official French Victory in Europe Day celebration.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Sandys and friends.

Mr. Churchill would make no comments on his French visit. In Paris this morning Mr. Churchill reviewed a parade of French and colonial troops in the Place de la Nation.

Britain's wartime Prime Minister made no speeches during his stay in the French capital. -Reuter.

NO PROGRESS REPORT

Lake Success, May 12. The United Nations commission on armaments will inform the Security Council this week that it has failed to make any progress toward world arms reduction since it was established by the Council three months ago.

Under a Council resolution adopted on Feb. 13, the commission is required to make its first report by midnight on May 13. It is understood that the Council will be asked to extend the deadline. Associated Press.

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MOMENTOUS DATE IN WORLD FINANCIAL HISTORY

On July 15 Sterling Must Be Spendable in Dollar Areas

India, Egypt May "Be Blocked"

London, May 11. If India or Egypt fail to send delegations to discuss their sterling balances, or if their delegations, having come, find it impossible to accept any of the terms that Britain could afford to offer, their sterling balances would almost automatically become blocked on July 15. Britain would have no choice in the matter.

One may expect, however, that this disaster will not occur and that the matter will be settled on the basis of human needs.

On July 15 a momentous date in world financial history—any sterling which is spendable anywhere has to be made spendable everywhere in the dollar area equally with the sterling area. That is what Britain has undertaken to do under the Anglo-American Loan Agreement and what she intends to do. She has already done it for all sterling which is spendable by anybody in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, Central America, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Belgium, Holland, Portugal and Italy.

She is bound to do it for the whole world by July 15.

Since nobody suggests that Britain could possibly make the whole of the £3,500,000,000 accumulated sterling balance convertible into dollars, she is bound falling agreement on what proportion of them can be released to make them spendable anywhere. The methods would be either by blocking them or by excluding a recalcitrant creditor country from the sterling area.

No Choice

At present every penny of India's or Egypt's sterling balance is spendable on anything whatever that can be bought for sterling—which includes £20,000,000,000 of securities quoted on the London stock exchange, all wool and rubber of the British Empire and Britain's entire exports.

On July 15 any part of the balances agreed for release as spendable anywhere must become spendable everywhere and all the rest become spendable nowhere—except as may be agreed for repatriating British

owned assets in creditor countries. In default of agreement on the release of the whole lot becomes spendable anywhere unless Britain unilaterally concedes convertible proportions.

Britain has no choice in the matter. The United States Treasury strongly objected to the clause in the Anglo-American agreement allowing Argentina to use her accumulated sterling to settle any adverse balance of payments with the sterling area, even though it was almost inconceivable that the clause would ever be exercised. Britain promised to include no such clause in any other agreement. Washington certainly would not allow any country's sterling balance to remain spendable within the sterling area merely by postponement of agreement.

Heavy Drawings

Heavy drawings on her sterling balance between May and December last year were mainly to finance her food imports. Regardless of all claims and counter-claims Britain cannot let India starve so long as any food is available to be bought and Britain has any dollars to pay for it.

So far, all negotiations appear to have contemplated some definite percentage of releases, with India wanting a big percentage and Britain offering a small one.

On human approach it might well be left indefinite. Britain and India would co-ordinate their essential import programmes, especially their food imports, and Britain would undertake to foot whatever dollar deficit India then incurred.

Britain's "agreements" with the Dominions are very much on these lines; no definite percentage of releases are expected to be arranged.

With India's stagger rice crop and with the high that the corner in the Western Hemisphere grain may be breaking, India's drawings on her sterling balance might well be less than last year. (They ran about \$10,000,000 monthly while at present Britain is haggling with Brazil on the difference between \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000 yearly). Britain must not go bankrupt, but India must not starve.

An Understanding

This approach might well seem more appropriate to two peoples who have both suffered heavily in the war, which neither of them sought.

With certain other countries Britain herself benefits from a very similar arrangement.

Britain is forbidden under the Anglo-American Loan Agreement to earmark any country's favourable balance of sterling earnings as spendable only within the Sterling area. But she is entitled to borrow an equivalent amount from the country concerned and that is very much what she is doing with Spain, for example.

Naturally, there is an understanding that Britain will keep her adverse balance with Spain as low as possible. Given a similar understanding, Britain could hardly refuse to India the same kind of facility as she herself receives from Spain. -Reuter.

STOCKHOLM TO ADDIS ABABA

Addis Ababa, May 11. Count Carl Gustaf von Rosen, flying a Swedish-built sports plane, landed here at 1 p.m. local time yesterday after a 31-hour, non-stop flight from Stockholm.

The distance was approximately 3,840 miles.

Count von Rosen is chief of the Swedish aviation school in Addis Ababa. -United Press.

POLICE SLAY TWO

Vienna, May 11. Russian police who were called to a May Day village meeting by a Communist speaker opened fire on the crowd and fatally injured two workers. Socialist papers stated here today.

The shooting was alleged to have taken place at Klein Pochheim, near Annetten, where the Vienna University professor, Dr. Leo Stern, a Communist, was addressing the meeting. The workers who were said to be fatally injured were both Communist Party members. -Reuter.

British Jet To Be Made In U.S.A.

London, May 12. The Rolls-Royce Company announced that the Pratt and Whitney aircraft division of the United Aircraft Corporation will manufacture the Rolls Royce Nene turbo-jet engine in the United States beginning immediately.

This engine recently passed the United States Navy's 150-hour type test and will power the Navy's new Grumman shipboard fighter.

The British Whitney jet engine design from which the Nene and most of the other British jet engines are derived, has had more than 10 years development research. -Associated Press.

Polish War On Guerilla Groups

Warsaw, May 11. Tanks are being used by Polish troops in action against Ukrainian Nationalist groups in the Carpathian mountains on Poland's southern frontier.

Former members of the German SS, followers of General Vlasov, Russian general, who went over to the Germans during the war, and members of the Hungarian and Serbian organisations have been found among Ukrainian groups.

Wieczor Warszawski, a Polish military correspondent, said that Poland's action was undertaken in agreement with neighbouring countries. -Reuter.

We Prefer Britain, Say GI Wives

London, May 11. If the present clamour in the British press continues, rationed Britons soon will be feeling sorry for unrationed Americans.

Britons read in the Sunday press again today of "scores" of GI brides returning to England, sadly disillusioned by their experiences in the "promised land" across the Atlantic.

The newspaper Reynolds News has the headline "We prefer Britain, say GI wives."

At least ten British brides, the paper said, had returned to the city of Preston alone. "Others" were reported to have gone back to Manchester, Liverpool and Blackpool—some of them bringing their children.

A British Army welfare officer in Lancashire was quoted as saying that an "alarming number" of inquiries had been received from British parents seeking ways for their daughters to return from America.

According to a welfare officer, it seemed "obvious" that a high proportion of the marriages between Lancashire girls and American ex-servicemen had gone astray.

Couldn't Live. In other cases, British girls were quoted as saying they wanted to return home because they were "appalled" at the high cost of living in the United States. Here was a story the Reynolds News printed from one of the wives who returned—Mrs. Joan del Glorio, who came back after eight months in Jersey City.

"I just had to come back," Mrs. del Glorio said. "I could not make ends meet because of this high cost of living. It is much better to be back in rationed England than tramping around American shops looking at stacks of food and other things I could not afford to buy."

Mrs. del Glorio said her husband, who was studying law, received a Government grant of £1850 a week and earned £1840 extra, working in a huge store.

"But all \$50 were 'worth' no more than 40s in England," she said. "We just could not live. So we went back in the Army and I have returned." -United Press.

Can Britain Deliver The Goods?

London, May 12. One week after the first post-war British Industries Fair opened simultaneously at London and Birmingham, scores of prospective buyers from Latin-America are enthusiastic at what they have seen but were gloomy about the prospects of "what they can purchase."

Spurred by publicity campaigns in their countries, representatives of importers in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador and other countries arrived in England on a buying spree that was dampened by the discovery that they cannot expect immediate delivery for much of what they want.

One Uruguayan in the textile trade said the quality of the British manufactures was still outstanding, "but so far I have been able to buy only some dozens of handkerchiefs, and a little lining stuff."

Some firm orders have been placed, however, including one from Peru and Ecuador for more than \$400,000 worth of aluminium products.

Most of the Latin-American visitors plan to extend their tour to Switzerland, Belgium, France and Sweden where other industrial exhibitions are being held or are planned for the next few months. -Associated Press.

NOT TRUE

Jerusalem, May 11. The Jewish terrorist organisation, Irgun Zvai Leumi, in a broadcast over its clandestine radio, "Voice of Fighting Zion," alleged tonight that the prisoners wounded in last Sunday's Acre gun break had been "tortured and beaten up" by the British police.

A senior British prison official declared tonight that "these allegations are completely unfounded." -Reuter.

Southampton, May 11. A British whale factory ship tonight arrived from the Antarctic, carrying 61,000 barrels of whale oil, after five months of whaling. She caught a total of 2,615 whales during the season, and two tankers of oil have already been sent home. -Reuter.

Appalling Situation

Frankfurt, May 11. The British Minister in charge of occupation affairs, Lord Pakenham, landed at Duesseldorf today for further talks on the food situation there on his flight home to Britain from Berlin.

Lord Pakenham, who had described Duesseldorf's food situation as "appalling" on his earlier visit there during his three day tour, today had a conference with Dr. Heinrich Lübke, Food Minister for North Rhine-Westphalia, before continuing his journey.

He said that when he returned to Germany in about a fortnight for the first of a series of routine trips, he hoped to visit the Ruhr to study "development possibilities." -Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

Rome, May 11. A violent earth tremor shook areas in south of Italy and Sicily today, causing some casualties and serious damage.

One was killed and four injured when three buildings crashed at Santa Caterina. There were also several casualties at Iseo on the Italian coast. -Reuter.

Cape May, N.J., May 12. The Coast Guard station yesterday reported that three were killed when a plane crashed and exploded near Brandywine Beach light-house on Sunday morning. -Associated Press.

Fears Over Soviet Aid To Indian Communists

Calcutta, May 11. Everyone is apprehensive of the role Soviet Russia may play in helping the Communist Party of India. Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, President of the recently-formed Indian National Trade Union Congress, stated at a press conference today.

Declaring that the Indian Trade Union Congress was Communist-dominated, Dr. Banerjee said: "Every Nationalist should see that the working class of India does not become a mere tool in the hands of a party which will not hesitate to do anything anti-national in order to satisfy the imperialistic ambition of its foreign master."

"Due to Communist agitation, strikes have recently increased to an unnatural extent. We favour the establishment of a society in which all labour disputes be decided by law."

Dr. Banerjee said that the Indian Trade Union Congress was independent of the Congress Party, but "being Nationalist, it would have a natural sympathy toward the Congress Party." -Reuter.

Raid On Roulette Joint

Manila, May 12. The "Manila Bulletin" reported today that 28 Americans, Chinese and Filipinos (mostly well-known Manila residents) were arrested when a raiding party of detectives swooped down on an alleged gambling joint at Santa Mesa which was later identified as the Baguio Club.

Die tables, roulette wheels, cards, over 2,500 chips of different colours and other gambling paraphernalia were seized by the police squad.

Armed with a search warrant, the detectives raided the club, reportedly on orders from President Roxas.

Two arrested men, United States Army officers, were turned over to the Military Police. The rest were taken to detective headquarters to be fingerprinted and were later released on bond of 200 pesos each. -United Press.

U.S. Policy On Korea

Washington, May 11. Authoritative sources today revealed that State Department experts tomorrow would lay before the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, recommendations that he accept the Russian agreement to United States terms for resuming talks on the unification of Korea under a provisional government.

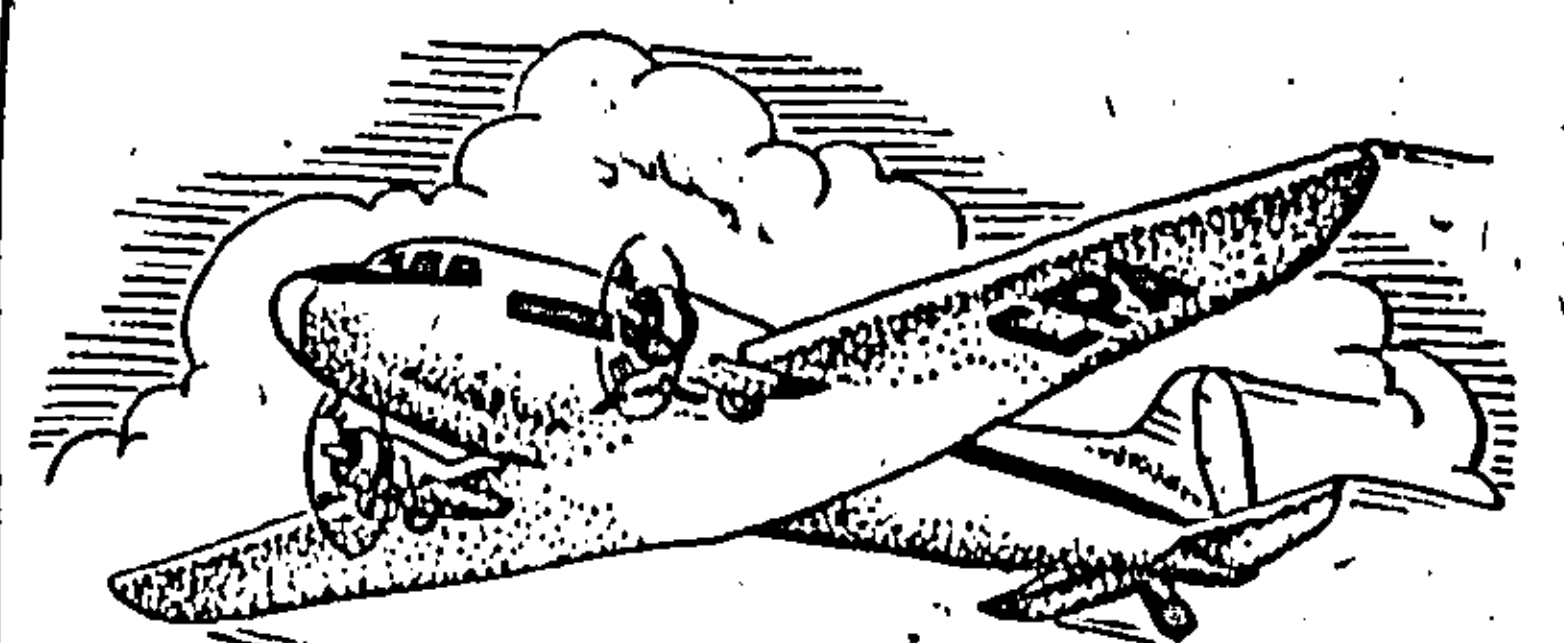
Administration officials, in light of the new developments, also intend to push requests to Congress for large-scale economic aid to the United States zone in Korea, which could be modified to take in both the southern and northern zones if unification talks succeed.

Acceptance of the United States terms is generally regarded as a psychological victory for the Truman doctrine of restricting Communism by bolstering the economic position of the buffer state. It is also taken as confirmation of reports that economic conditions in the Russian zone of Korea are rapidly deteriorating, making it advisable from the Russian viewpoint to seek unification. -United Press.

CAR ASSEMBLY SUSPENDED

Detroit, May 10. The assembly of Chrysler Corporation automobiles, including Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth passenger cars, was suspended here last night until May 20, because of the shortage of materials, principally steel, for bodies and sheet metal. This followed the announcement by a prominent firm of body-builders that it has closed down one plant, and that others would follow suit owing to the lack of materials. -Reuter.

Hamburg, May 11. The Soviet military government has approved a law, which states that all Germans born after Jan. 1, 1919, who were members of the National Socialist organisation, but who have not been indicted, will enjoy complete equality of rights. The law has been passed by all parliaments in the Soviet zone of occupation. -Reuter.



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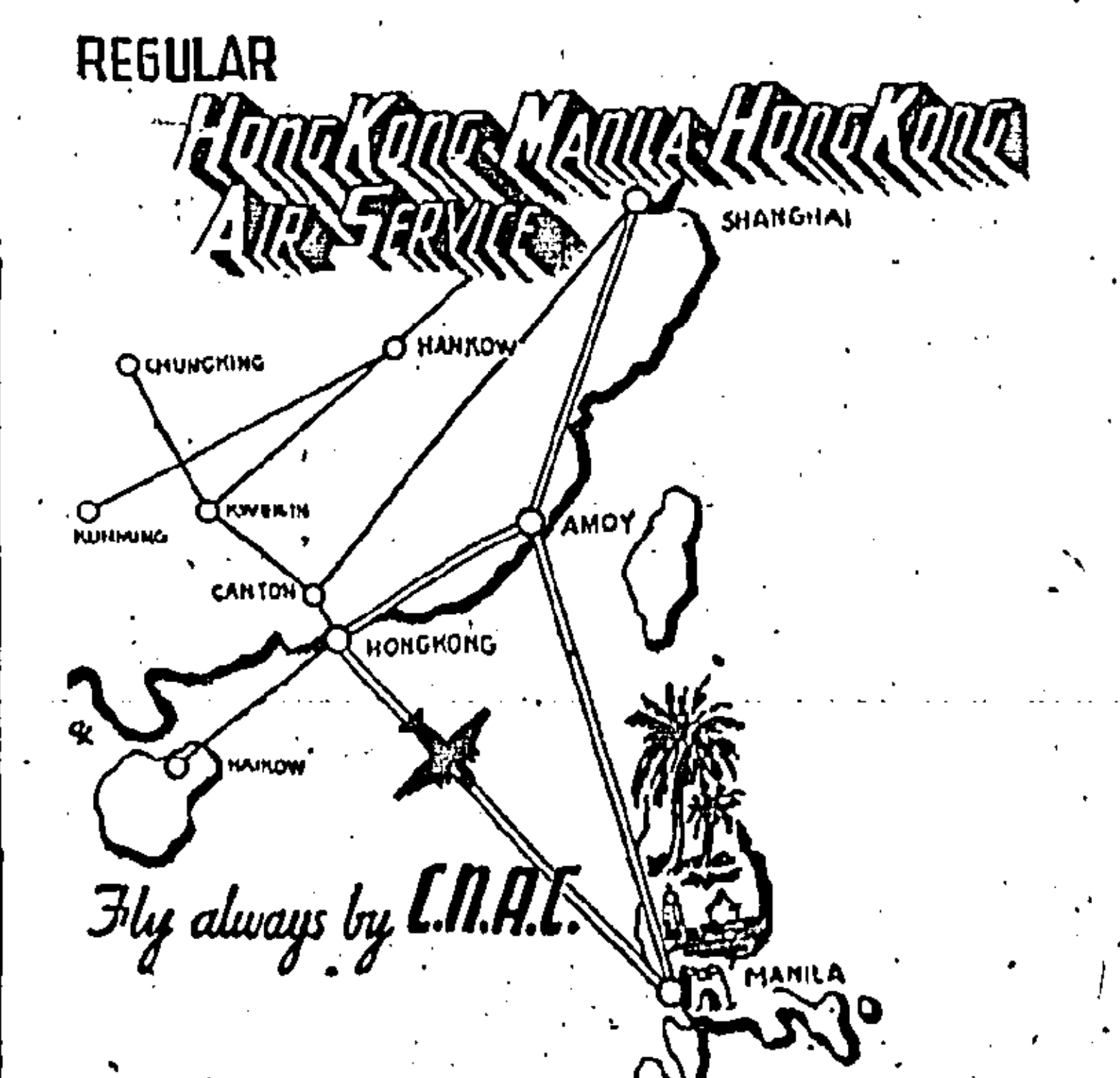
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